May 27, 1999 to collect the dues on behalf of the banks, which include thrashing, threats to life and coercing the debtors into donating Kidneys and other organs in return for the debt; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to effectively prevent such illegal practices adopted by the foreign banks including the Citi-Bank and Stanchar Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes sir.

(b) Complete information is being obtained from the Reserve Bank of India and will be laid on the Table of the House.

World Bank and IMF aid for various projects

718. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the discussions held at the annual meeting of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in Washington in September, 1999;

(b) to what extent the World Bank has agreed to provide aid and assistance to India for its various projects; and

(c) whether the World Bank and IMF agreed to India's requirement of assistance during 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) During the Annual Meeting of the World Bank and the IMF; Governors give their views on the state of their respective domestic economies and their views on those international financial and economic issues, which have a bearing on Bank/Fund operations. The Annual meeting for this year was held during 28-30 September 1999. During the meeting, the Bank/Fund governors discussed the issues mentioned above.

(b) and (c) During these meetings, assistance to individual countries (including India) are not discussed. The Annual Assistance program of the World Bank of India is decided on the basis of the projects posed for assistance and their level of preparation. This is discussed and finalized at official meetings, held in New Delhi every year.